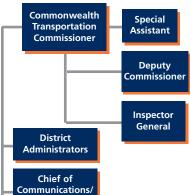


# About DOT

irginia's transportation system is a vital element in the state's economy, providing the safe and efficient movement of people and products throughout the Old Dominion. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for building, maintaining and operating the state's roads, bridges and tunnels. Through the Commonwealth Transportation Board, it also provides funding for airports, seaports, rail and public transportation. VDOT operates the third-largest state-maintained highway system in the country, just behind North Carolina and Texas.

# **VDOT's**

# Organization



VDOT is among five state transportation agencies that report to the Secretary of Transportation. VDOT has more than 9,000 employees, making it one of the three largest state agencies in Virginia. The VDOT Commissioner has administrative responsibility for the department.



Communications/ Public Affairs

> Chief Engineer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief of Human Resources

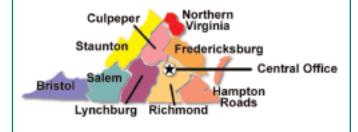
Chief of Policy, Planning and the Environment

> Chief of Systems Operations

Chief of Technology Research and innovation

# **Transportation Districts**

VDOT is divided into nine regional districts. The districts are divided into 42 residencies and two district satellite offices, responsible for one to four counties each.



#### Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The CTB is primarily responsible for locating routes, approving construction contracts, creating

construction contracts, creating traffic regulations, naming highways and administering and allocating the **Transportation Trust** Fund. The Secretary of Transportation serves as chairman and the VDOT Commissioner serves as vice-chairman. The 17 board members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the General Assembly. The Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation also serves as a member

of the board.

### **Virginia's Transportation System Roads**



VDOT maintains more than 57,300 miles of roads. A separate system includes 10,362 miles of urban streets, maintained by cities and towns with the help of state funds.

Henrico County (1,264 miles) and Arlington County (359 miles) maintain their own roads with VDOT funds.

#### **Bridges, tunnels and other facilities**

VDOT is responsible for:

- Bridges More than 12,600
- Underwater crossings 4 underwater crossings in the Hampton Roads area: the Midtown and Downtown Elizabeth River tunnels, the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel on I-64 and the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel on I-664
- Mountain tunnels 2 on I-77 in Southwest Virginia: East River and Big Walker
- Toll roads Northern Virginia's Dulles Toll Road and the Powhite Parkway Extension in the Richmond area
- Toll bridge The George P. Coleman Bridge carries Rt. 17 traffic over the York River between historic Yorktown and Gloucester County
- Ferry services Jamestown, Sunnybank, Merry Point, and Hatton (seasonal)
- **Rest areas** 41 rest areas and 10 welcome centers along major highways
- Commuter parking lots 107 lots

# Virginia's

# **Transportation Systems**

#### **Mass Transit**

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is responsible for providing funding and technical assistance to:

- 47 transit agencies including passenger rail
- More than 50 specialized service transportation providers
- 2 major and 9 short-line freight railroads
- 15 commuter assistance programs





In 2003, DRPT programs:

- Provided 160 million passenger trips on its public transportation system
- Moved 2.3 million freight rail carloads, which removed 38,000 tractor trailers from Virginia's roads each day
- Provided nearly 750,000 specialized transportation trips

#### **Airports**

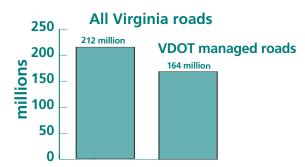
The Virginia Aviation Board approves funding for 67 publicuse airports. The annual economic impact of Virginia's airport system is more than \$10 billion.

#### **Ports**

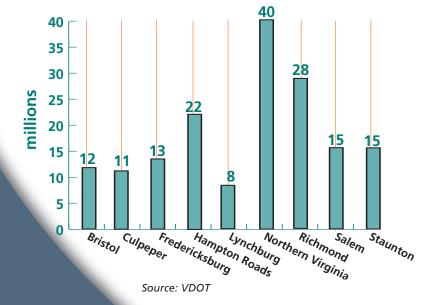
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Authority oversees
4 general cargo
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## **Vehicle Miles Traveled Daily in Virginia:**



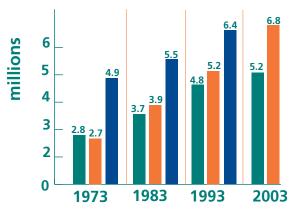
## **Vehicle Miles Traveled Daily per Transportation District:**







# Vehicles Registered in Virginia, Licensed Drivers, and Population



Licensed Drivers

Registered Vehicles

Population

Virginia's Population was approximately 7.3 million in 2002

Source: Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles